



“THE LINC”

Your connection to the news, decisions, and services from City Hall.

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Did you know?

You can save 10% on your sewer bill by paying your yearly bill upfront. Per Ordinance 7-8-1-14, “Any user, regardless the amount of monthly charge, wishes to pay his(her) charges for one year in advance he may do so, in which event he will receive a discount of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the charges, provided that the advance payment is made at a regular time for the payment of his bill.” If you’re interested in some savings, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (217) 735-2815 for more information.

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COMMUNITY NIGHT AT RAY WHITE PARK

Once again, the City’s Community Night at Ray White Park was a great success. The event, organized and executed by city staff featured food, mini-golf, games, prizes, and city vehicles for the community’s enjoyment.

This year was indeed a special occasion as the City dedicated a brand new pavilion constructed by the volunteers of “Together for Lincoln.” The new pavilion will be a wonderful asset in the park and can be enjoyed by many for years to come.

Street Superintendent Walt Landers commented about the outreach of this event, “Day in and day out, we dedicate our work to better the public, but it is nice to improve our community through events like this and not always through programs, initiatives, and ordinances.”

Each year Community Night

seems to gain popularity and the anticipation for the event grows. The City doesn’t track the number of attendees each year, but we can count how many additional trips are needed for more hot dogs.

Mayor Marty Neitzel was pleased with the turnout as well, adding, “All the alderman made time this year to stop by and watching the way they interact with all the attendees gives a boost to the spirit. This is a simple event that has come to mean a lot for Lincoln.”

Even if you can only stay for one putt on the mini-golf course, we believe you will find

that Community Night at Ray White Park is an uplifting city event.



The City is thankful and proud of the new pavilion added to Ray White Park by Together for Lincoln.



Lines gathered for the free hot dogs and desserts served by City staff and volunteers.

PUTTING THE “NEW” IN NEWSLETTER

It’s been a strategic goal of the City Council to work to better inform Lincoln residents of the happenings in and around City Hall. This newsletter is the newest way for the City to begin that conversation with everyone who reads it.

“The Linc” will be delivered in paper form in your sewer

bill, but it can also be viewed online at the City’s website, www.lincoln.il.gov. Through “The Linc,” it is the desire of the City Council and staff to pass along important information about public projects, services, or policy decisions that may affect you.

We view “The Linc” as an informational and conversational piece. Being conversational, the most important component we need—you. Please contact your alderman or the City staff if you have any questions about projects, services, or other concerns that you may have.

FALL FIRE SAFETY

Fall is here and the Fire Service gets busy. With the leaves falling and the cooler temperatures this season of the year, the prevention of catastrophic fires is particularly important to Lincoln Fire Fighters. Recreational fires are allowed in the Lincoln City limits any day of the week, but that does not come without responsibility. Residents are required to notify Lincoln Fire Department (217) 735-4020 before anything as small as a wiener roast. Fires must be contained in a fire ring of no more than 36

inches in diameter. A water supply is needed at all times, and the fire must be monitored by an adult at all times. It is required that the fire be completely extinguished at midnight and remember to be respectful of your neighbors; this is our biggest complaint for recreational fires.

Leaf burning is also a popular fall activity that can be very dangerous. Yard waste can only be burned Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Fires must be 50 feet from structures. Once again, the fire must

not be monitored by an adult and should have a way to rapidly extinguish the fire available nearby. Leaf burning does have health after effects that aggravate asthma, emphysema and COPD. Fines will be issued due to illegal fires. If complaints are received about a leaf fire it will likely be extinguished by the Fire Department.

Red flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service enact a no burn ordinance which will be enforced by Lincoln Fire Department.

Property owners are required to notify Lincoln Fire Department (735-4020) before anything as small as a wiener roast .

WHEN ARE SEWER PERMITS REQUIRED?

If you think you are in need of repairs to your sewer line please contact the City of Lincoln Sewer Department at (217) 732-4030. We can do a preliminary investigation to determine if it is a homeowner or a city issue.

If you are in need of any repairs, City Code 7-7-4-1 (c), states: "No

unauthorized person shall construct, alter, or eliminate any private sewer service connected to the City Sewer System, without first obtaining a written permit from the City."

The permit can be picked up at City Hall in the Building and Zoning Office during normal working hours.

Also to go along with the permit, all work completed shall be inspected by a representative of the Sewer Department for conformance to the City's sewer service specifications. This will protect both the homeowner's investment and the City's infrastructure for the long term.

The Lincoln Sewer Department can do preliminary investigations to determine if your sewer issue belongs to the City.

DISTRACTED DRIVING

In 2013, 3,154 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers. Unfortunately, approximately 424,000 people were injured, which is an increase from the 421,000 people who were injured in 2012. Lincoln Police have responded and investigated several crashes in Lincoln due to distracted driving.

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from

the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distractions include:

- Texting
- Using a cell phone or smartphone
- Eating and drinking
- Using a navigation system
- Watching a video
- Adjusting a radio, CD player, or MP3 player

But, because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction. Do not text at all when operating a motor vehicle. Wait until you arrive at your destination to read and reply. If you must use your phone while driving then please utilize a hands free device. Most hands free devices can be purchased for far less than the cost of a traffic ticket or a motor vehicle crash.

City Leaf Pick-Up Dates:

Monday, November 2
Monday, November 9
Monday, November 16

Please have leaves placed in biodegradable bags and placed at the curb before 7:00AM on the day of pick-up. Crews will begin pick-up in Ward 1 and will continue numerically through the wards until the pass through the City is complete.